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RE: *U.S. Patent Application No. 10/014,927 entitled "SPlicing FACTOR" – by Andrea Barta, et al. (Client reference: R 38726/sh)*

Sir:

Please find enclosed:

- (1) A Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) mailed February 21, 2002;
- (2) Declaration;
- (3) Power of Attorney;
- (4) Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)-Filing Date Granted;
- (5) Check in the amount of \$3048.00; and
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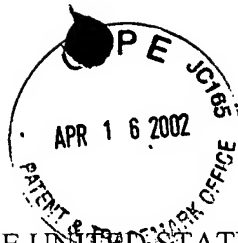
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In re Application of:  
Andrea Barta, et al.

Serial No.: 10/014,927

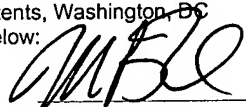
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL  
APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), dated February 21, 2002, there are enclosed herewith:

- (a) Declaration executed on behalf of Andrea Barta, Sergyi Lopato, Maria Kalyna, and Silke Dorner;
- (b) A Power of Attorney on behalf of Österreichisches Forschungszentrum Seibersdorf Gesellschaft M.B.H.;

(c) Our check in the amount of \$3048.00 to cover the basic filing fee (\$740.00 - utility large entity); surcharge for late filing (\$130.00); additional claims fee (\$2178.00);

(d) A copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application Filed Under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)-Filing Date Granted; and

An Assignment to Österreichisches Forschungszentrum Seibersdorf Gesellschaft M.B.H. and a check for \$40.00 are being filed under separate cover.

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$2178.
  - \$414 for 23 total claims over 20.
  - \$1764 for 21 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 3048.

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